

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **KLINKER'S MILITARY PERSONNEL EDUCATION WAIVER PASSED OUT OF SENATE COMMITTEE**

INDIANAPOLIS – Today the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions passed State Rep. Sheila Klinker's (D-Lafayette) bill, House Bill 1375, which would create a military personnel education waiver. On Tuesday, State Rep. Michael Ripley (R-Monroe) also offered Klinker's bill as an amendment to Senate Bill 75, which deals with insurance producer licensure and continuing education. Senate Bill 75 was passed by the Indiana House on a 87-0 vote today and will now be considered by a House-Senate conference committee.

The legislation would provide a waiver for continuing education for military personnel who are insurance providers who have had to put their education on hold to come back and finish their educational pursuits. It would also provide a waiver for licensure renewals for the period of time when individuals are serving their country.

"This legislation will assist those individuals serving our country in completing their interrupted education upon returning from their service," said Klinker. "The least we can do for servicemen and servicewomen is to provide them with an opportunity to finish their continuing education after they arrive home."

Because changes were to made to Klinker's bill as it moved through the Senate, it will now be sent to a House-Senate conference committee. If the changes are accepted or worked out during the committee, the governor will have the opportunity to sign the legislation into law.